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1. Inhabitants of Harbin are not prevented from going to Nationalist areas if they have the necessary approval of the authorities. This approval must be secured from the Northeast Bureau, which is on Ch'ang Kuan Kung Shu Street, Hankang District. Many Harbin residents who have gone to Nationalist areas have returned to Harbin, as conditions in the city are more favorable, even though residents do have to put up with constant surveillance by secret police.
2. The Chinese Communist authorities have recently adopted a "pacification" policy. Such slogans as "No more liquidation of personal property!", "No more land-reforms!", "No more class struggle!", "No more conscription!" are emphasized. The authorities have been very clever in playing up the absence of conscription as compared to the heavy conscription in Nationalist areas.
3. Amusement centers in Harbin are flourishing. Except for war pictures, which are Chinese Communist newsreels, there is not the slightest atmosphere of war in the city. The only imported films in Harbin are from the USSR.

25X1A [Redacted Box] Comment. Although there has been no confirmation of this "pacification" policy, it is quite likely that the Communist authorities have eased some controls. Considering the length of time the Communists have occupied Harbin, it is quite possible that the practices which they adopted upon arrival no longer need be emphasized; on the other hand, they may have realized the propaganda value of a "pacification" policy which may be temporary.)

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